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MEETING REPORT

DATE: January 23, 2014

TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.(EST)

PLACE: Two White Flint, Room T-8-A1
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Headquarters
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852

PURPOSE:

To discuss General Electric - United Nuclear Corporation's (GE/UNC's) planned approach to fulfill the requirements of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) environmental review process in preparation for a future license amendment request to dispose of mine waste from the Northeast Church Rock Mine site at the UNC Church Rock Mill site. This meeting provided GE/UNC with the opportunity to share their perspective on the NRC's environmental review process and provided an opportunity for stakeholders' input.

ATTENDEES:

See attached Attendees List.

DISCUSSION:

The meeting followed the agenda for January 23, 2014, (See Attachment 2). Specific questions were asked and responses discussed regarding the development of detailed environmental documents and anticipated timelines, remedial alternatives for disposal of the mine waste, preliminary conceptual design for enhancements to the tailings impoundment, NRC's regulatory framework for mine waste disposal, the status of ongoing remediation activities and the existing reclamation plan. GE/UNC provided an overview of the project and shared their interest in understanding the NRC's environmental review process for a future proposed licensing action to transfer the mine waste to the NRC-licensed UNC Church Rock Mill site. GE/UNC's presentation can be viewed in the Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML14023A006.

ACTION ITEMS:

NRC's project manager, Yolande Norman, will follow-up on the comment regarding the document entitled Methods for Monitoring Net Inflow Through Soil Covers of Uranium Mill Tailings Impoundments [note the correct ADAMS Accession No. ML14015A328] in the upcoming week.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Meeting attendee list
2. Meeting Notice/Agenda (ADAMS Accession No. ML13353A718)
3. UNC's presentation (ADAMS Accession No. ML14023A006)

Enclosure

MEETING ATTENDEES

Purpose: Discussion on General Electric - United Nuclear Corporation planned approach to fulfill the requirements of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission environmental review process in preparation for a future license amendment request to dispose of mine waste from the Northeast Church Rock Mine site to the UNC Church Rock Mill site. (License No. SUA-1475, Docket No. 40-0897).

DATE: January 23, 2014

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